

**Remarks**

Claims 9-10, 19, and 21-23 have been canceled. Claims 8, 11, and 14-17 have been amended. No new matter has been entered into the amended claims. This amendment should not be construed as any form of estoppel, disclaimer, forfeiture, or relinquishment of subject matter.

There are a total of 17 pending claims including 3 independent claims. A Request For Refund is being submitted to the Finance Division of the USPTO for the reduction in total claims, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Examination is awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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